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1. REFTELS NOTED OUR CONCERN THAT THERE MAY BE SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF POST 8-11-77 BOAT CASE ARRIVALS IN HONG KONG WHO WILL NOT MEET IPP-77 CRITERIA AND THAT PROGRAM IN HONG KONG MUST BE INTERNATIONALIZED SO THAT NUMBER OF REFUGEES REMAINING AS OF JANUARY 1, 1978 WILL NOT BE EXCESSIVE BY HKG STANDARDS. HONG KONG 11262 REPORTED THAT IMMIGRATION DEPT AGREEABLE IN PRINCIPLE TO USE OF HONG KONG AGAIN AS PROCESSING AREA WHEN CEP RESUMES, BUT THAT NUMBER OF CE REFUGEES PERMITTED TO ENTER HONG KONG FOR PROCESSING WILL DEPEND ON HOW MANY BOAT CASE REFUGEES REMAIN WHEN PROGRAM RESUMES.

2. AS OF COB OCT. 28, THERE ARE 384 POSTAUGUST 11 BOAT CASE ARRIVALS IN HONG KONG. OF THIS AMOUNT, 213 HAVE BEEN PRESCREENED BY CONOFF (INS WILL COMMENCE INTERVIEW OF POST-AUGUST 11 ARRIVALS NEXT WEEK).

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ONLY 83 OR 34 PERCENT MEET IPP-77 CRITERIA. IF THIS PERCENTAGE HOLDS FOR REMAINING POST-AUGUST 11 ARRIVALS TO BE PRESCREENED BY CONOFF NEXT WEEK, 254 BOAT CASE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG WILL NOT MEET IPP-77 CRITERIA. SINCE IT CAN BE EXPECTED THAT MORE REFUGEES WILL ARRIVE HERE BY BOAT IN COMING WEEKS, THIS NUMBER PROBABLY WILL INCREASE.

3. WE WERE INFORMED BY ICEM/HK THAT CHRISTOPHER CARPENTER, UNHCR REP STATIONED IN KUALA LUMPUR, WILL ARRIVE HONG KONG OCT. 31 FOR TWO-WEEK VISIT. ICEM ASSUMES HE WILL VISIT DIFFERENT CONSULTATES AND COMMISSIONS HERE IN EFFORT INTERNATIONALIZE BOAT CASE PROGRAM. THIS WILL BE FIRST VISIT OF ANY LENGTH BY UNHCR REP SINCE INCEPTION OF BOAT CASE PROGRAM. WE WILL STRESS TO CARPENTER IMPORTANCE OF HAVING AT LEAST 150 POST-AUGUST 11 ARRIVALS ACCEPTED BY OTHER COUNTRIES IF CEP TO FUNCTION WELL AFTER CE RESUMPTION O/A 1-1-78.

4. INS HONG KONG HAS FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES COMPLETED INTERVIEW OF PRE-AUGUST 12 ARRIVALS HERE. OF THESE, 324 HAVE BEEN APPROVED (307 HONG KONG/17 MACAU). LACK OF VOLAG ASSURANCES HAVE RESULTED IN ONLY 90 REFUGEES DEPARTING HONG KONG TO DATE. CONGEN/INS HAS HAD TWO MEETINGS WITH FOUR HONG KONG BASED VOLAGS (RS, WCC, ISS AND CARITAS). VOLAG DIRECTORS, WHO TELL US THAT LACK OF ASSURANCES ATTRIBUTABLE TO U.S. HEADQUARTERS, WILL FOLLOW-UP MATTER EARLIEST. CD5. BREAK DOWN OF REFUGEE ARRIVALS AND MOVEMENTS BEING SENT SEPTEL. SHOESMITH

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